GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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PRIVATE AIRLINES TO GULF COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to open Gulf and other routes to private airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the expected increase in traffic with the introduction of the new scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b) and (c) : As per the decision taken on 29th December, 2004, the Government decided to permit Private Indian Scheduled Carriers having continuous 5 years operations in domestic sector and having a minimum fleet size of 20 aircraft to operate on international routes except to the Gulf countries of UAE, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman, Kuwait & Saudi Arabia, which shall be reserved for Air India and Indian Airlines for a period of 3 years.